

GENERAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND MISCELLANEOUS**1-11. Interagency Agreements**

1. AUTHORITY. To enter into (execute) agreements between EPA and other Federal agencies or State or local governments which:

- a. Provide for the furnishing of goods or services in exchange for the payment of an agreed amount of funds; or
- b. Set forth basic policies and procedures governing their relationships on matters of mutual interest and responsibility, under which no exchange of fund occurs.

2. TO WHOM DELEGATED.

- a. The authorities in 1.a. and 1.b. are delegated to the Assistant Regional Administrator for Policy and Management.
- b. The authority in 1.b. is delegated to the Division Directors and Office Heads.
- c. The authority in 1.a. is delegated to the Associate Director, Office of Preparedness and Response, HSCD or his designee acting in the capacity of Emergency Support Function 10 Regional Chair under the National Response Plan when an emergency requires immediate action and other Agencies may not initiate actions in support of EPA without written authorization.

3. LIMITATIONS. The authority delegated by the Regional Administrator is limited to Interagency Agreements which originate within the Regional Office or Regional Office components.

4. REDELEGATION AUTHORITY. These authorities may not be redelegated without formal amendment. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.

5. ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.

- a. Statutory authority for EPA to enter into Interagency Agreements is contained in the Economy Act of 1932, as amended (31 U.S.C. 1535); the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, as amended (31 U.S.C. 6501); and in the "cooperation" provisions of EPA program statutes.
- b. As used in this delegation, the term "Interagency Agreements" included

agreements between EPA and other Federal Agencies (Interagency Agreements) and between EPA and State and local governments (Intergovernmental Agreements).

- c. These authorities shall be exercised in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth in the Grants Administration Manual, Chapter 51.
- d. The Inspector General Act of 1978, Public Law No. 95 - 452. as amended, 5 U.S.C. app. (1982), vests the Inspector General with similar authority to enter into agreements with other public agencies.
- e. During disasters, EPA is required to transfer goods and services and related funds between itself and other Agencies. This transfer will occur via a Mission Assignment, IAG and/or an Emergency Funding Authorization (EFA), depending on the nature of the response. The EFA is a simpler form of EPA's IAG and is only used for disaster response support tasks. If another Federal Agency agrees, the EFA may also be used when EPA provides response support. Additional information is available in EPA's Disaster and Emergency Response Mission Assignment Guidance, @ October 1997 (EPA 540-R-97-034).

6. SUPERSESSION. Delegations Manual, Regional Delegation 1-11. Interagency Agreements, 1200 TN RIII-165 (July 26, 2005).

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